

PLAS Program Management Center April 1999 Activity Report

PLAS PMC Activities

PLAS Deployment Activities:

- Published PLAS-O-Gram 99-07, New CCAS Program Code for Kosovo to inform the DCMC world of a new PLAS Program code for Contingency CAS (CCAS) operations in Kosovo – NP029.
- Expanded the local message feature for DCMC Pacific, so that local messages input at Japan would be sent to the other six Pacific remotes.
- Met with Mr. Greg Colbert, ABC Project Lead (AFMC/ASC) Wright-Patterson AFB, and LTC Jeanette Heidmann, Director Financial Management – AWACS SPO, Hanscom AFB of the Air Force Material Command AWACS Program Office. We advised them on how PLAS can best be used to collect the data they require. The Program Office will use its own unique version of PLAS as a front-end collection tool for their Activity Based Costing effort.
- Prepared Power Play reports for work centers exceeding 102% and provided results of analysis to PLAS administrators.

COGNOS/PowerPlay:

- Created a new PowerPlay cube for one month at a time, down to the individual level, for the purpose of analyzing charging patterns at a District. The first such cube, using March data, combined DCMC Headquarters and the International District.
- Developed sample displays and Power Play reports of PLAS ACAT 1 Program data. These displays will be made available to DCMC-P for use in connection with Customer visits.

Unit Cost:

- Continued to generate Unit Cost Reports for DCMC, as well as the PowerPlay cubes needed to produce them. Starting in April, we will produce the Reimbursable cube on the first day of the month.
- Uncovered a problem with how DCMC aggregates Contracts Managed per Month (CMM) and Millions of Dollars of ULO Managed per Month (MUMM) counts for the Basic CAS Cost Pools. Worked with the DLA Operations Research and Resource Analysis Office to correct this problem. Currently trying to determine if Impromptu and PowerPlay can be used to perform this aggregation. CAOs would then have greater insight into those contracts that pass the data filters versus those that do not (not counted in CMM and MUMM).
- Revised the local PLAS Server PowerPlay cube to facilitate the use of the Unit Cost Toolbox Standardized reports. Revised these reports and helped rewrite Part C, Section 4: Standardized PowerPlay Reports to Analyze Unit Cost Data in A Guidebook to DCMC's Unit Cost Management System.
- Constructed a "restricted access" Internet page to disseminate the Unit Cost PowerPlay cubes and Unit Cost reports. Instructions for accessing this site were sent directly to each DCMC Unit Cost manager. Unit Cost information will no longer be displayed on the PLAS PMC Homepage.

Major New Events for May and Beyond

- Participate with the DCMC Performance Improvement Officer and with DCMC's certified COGNOS instructors in rewriting DCMC's PowerPlay training material in preparation for PowerPlay 6.0.
- Continue Unit Cost site visits.
- Deploy PLAS 9.0.3.
- Update PLAS Help File in anticipation of PLAS Release 9.03.
- Continue to provide direct support to DLA-FO in PLAS program management and general consulting service to the Air Force Material Command AWACS Program Office in their efforts to collect ABC data through a PLAS-type technology.
- Assist in the development of DCMC-BF catalogs for PLAS data in the DCMC Information and Automated Metrics System.
- Draft a proposal to the Executive Director, Program Integration (DCMC-P), to modify the link between MDAPs and our PLAS listing of ACAT I program codes. If adopted, we would delay hiding MDAPs in PLAS for prescribed periods, i.e., six, nine, or 12 months to continue to collect programmatic information after a change in ACAT designation. Also explore the possibility of converting to the use of Weapons System codes in PLAS.
- Describe functional requirements for a future PLAS release incorporating enhanced Unit Cost and ABC data collection/reporting principles.
- Brief DLA Counsel and DLA Corporate Information Officer on PLAS system and operation for possible adoption as their ABC labor hour collection device; proposed implementation - July 1999.

PLAS Help Line Activity

- Total PLAS Help System inquiries recorded since August 1996: 2480
- PLAS Help System contacts/inquiries during April: 40
- Questions pertaining to charging to appropriate PLAS codes accounted for the majority of Help Line inquiries, with technical issues not far behind.

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